

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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THOMAS F. HOGAN

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In re: Vitamins Antitrust Litigation

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: Misc. No. 99-197 (TFH)

: MDL No. 1285

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**STIPULATION REGARDING SCHEDULE FOR BRIEFING OBJECTIONS  
TO THE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SPECIAL  
MASTER RESPECTING PLAINTIFFS' MOTION TO COMPEL  
AND DEFENDANTS' MOTIONS FOR PROTECTIVE ORDERS**

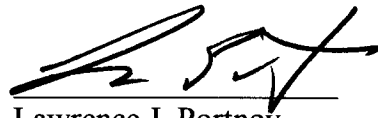
IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED, by and between counsel for the undersigned, that Defendants that intend to object to the Report and Recommendations of the Special Master Respecting Plaintiffs' Motion to Compel and Defendants' Motions for Protective Orders shall file their Objection, pursuant to Rule 53(e) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, on or before August 28, 2000.

IT IS FURTHER STIPULATED AND AGREED that Plaintiffs shall file their Response to Defendants' Objections on or before September 8, 2000, and Defendants shall file their Reply, if any, before September 13, 2000.

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Dated: August 22, 2000

Respectfully submitted,



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La Roche Ltd and, for purposes of  
this stipulation, on behalf of BASF  
Aktiengesellschaft, Rhone-Poulenc  
S.A., Degussa-Huls AG, Eisai Co.,  
Ltd, Lonza AG, Merck KgaA and  
UCB SA.*



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purposes of this stipulation.*

SO ORDERED:



THOMAS F. HOGAN  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Date: Aug 31, 2000